

1 What is claimed is:

2 1. A method for annotating a recording with a current location comprising:
3 monitoring, while traveling, for different types of signal sources that may be used
4 to facilitate determining a current location;
5 identifying a first signal source at a first time;
6 determining a current location based at least in part on the first signal source;
7 making a recording; and
8 associating the current location with the recordin

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 logging the first time and characteristics of the signal source; and
3 associating the current location after completing traveling.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein characteristics of the signal source include a
2 signal source type, a signal source strength, a signal source position, and a signal
3 source location.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the current location is based at least
2 in part on characteristics of the signal source including a signal source type, a signal
3 source strength, a signal source position, and a signal source location.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the current location has an associated margin of
2 error determined with respect to the type of the first signal source.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said different types of signal sources include
2 signals from GPS, LORAN, cellular phone towers, 802.11 hotspots, and Radio Data
3 System (RDS) transmitters.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 identifying a second signal source different from the first signal source; and
3 determining the current location based in part on the second signal source.

1 8. The method of claim 1, comprising:
2 determining a primary position determination device is not available.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the primary position determination device
2 comprises a GPS receiver.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 looking up the first signal source on a coverage map to determine an origin of the
3 first signal source; and
4 determining the current location based at least in part on the origin.

1 11. An article of manufacture to facilitate annotating a recording with a current
2 location, comprising:
3 a machine-accessible medium having associated data, wherein the data, when
4 accessed, results in a machine performing:

5 monitoring, while traveling, for different types of signal sources that may be used
6 to facilitate determining a current location;
7 identifying a first signal source at a first time;
8 determining a current location based at least in part on the first signal source;
9 making a recording; and
10 associating the current location with the recording.

1 12. The article of manufacture of claim 11, wherein the machine-accessible medium
2 further includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:
3 logging the first time and characteristics of the signal source; and
4 associating the current location after completing traveling.

1 13. The article of manufacture of claim 12, wherein the data for logging
2 characteristics of the signal source comprises further data, when accessed, results in
3 the machine performing:
4 identifying a signal source type, a signal source strength, a signal source
5 position, and a signal source location.

1 14. The article of manufacture of claim 11; wherein the machine-accessible medium
2 further includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:
3 identifying a second signal source different from the first signal source; and
4 determining the current location based in part on the second signal source.

1 15. The article of manufacture of claim 11, wherein the machine-accessible medium.
2 further includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:
3 determining a primary position determination device is not available.

1 16. The article of manufacture of claim 11, wherein the machine-accessible medium
2 further includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:
3 looking up the first signal source on a coverage map to determine an origin of the
4 first signal source; and
5 determining the current location based at least in part on the origin.

1 17. A method for determining a current location that may be associated with a
2 recording, comprising:
3 requesting an estimate of a current location from a server configured to estimate
4 locations based on position data collected from different types of signal sources; and
5 receiving a response from the server comprising at least one estimated current
6 location and a margin of error based on the types of signal sources utilized to determine
7 the at least one estimated current location.

1 18. The method of claim 17, further comprising:
2 determining the current location based at least in part on the response;
3 making a recording; and
4 associating the current location with the recording.

1 19. The method of claim 17 further comprising:
2 requesting the current location from an accurate position determination service;
3 determining unavailability of the accurate position determination service; and
4 requesting the estimate of the current location from the server after said
5 determining unavailability.

1 20. The method of claim 19, wherein the accurate position determination service
2 comprises a GPS.

1 21. An article of manufacture to facilitate determining a current location that may be
2 associated with a recording, comprising:
3 requesting an estimate of a current location from a server configured to estimate
4 locations based on position data collected from different types of signal sources; and
5 receiving a response from the server comprising at least one estimated current
6 location and a margin of error based on the types of signal sources utilized to determine
7 the at least one estimated current location.

1 22. The article of manufacture of claim 21, wherein the machine-accessible medium
2 further includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:
3 determining the current location based at least in part on the response;
4 making a recording; and
5 associating the current location with the recording.

1 23. The article of manufacture of claim 21, wherein the machine-accessible medium
2 further includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:
3 requesting the current location from an accurate position determination service;
4 determining unavailability of the accurate position determination service; and
5 requesting the estimate of the current location from the server after said
6 determining unavailability.

1 24. The article of manufacture of claim 23, wherein the data for requesting the
2 current location further includes data, when accessed, results in the machine
3 performing:
4 requesting the current location from a GPS.